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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: INACCURATE CAPE TIMES REPORT

REF: CAPE TOWN 324,

EMBOFF SPOKE TODAY (FEB.23) WITH DAVID WILLERS, AUTHOR OF CAPE TIMES ARTICLE OF FEB. 21 WHICH REPORTED A "SOFTENED" WESTERN POSITION ON NAMIBIA AND CONTAINED A NUMBER OF INACCURACIES CONCERNING THE PROXIMITY TALKS. WILLERS SAID THE ARTICLE WAS THE RESULT OF A PHONE CALL FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN DFA OFFICIAL, WHO PROVIDED HIM WITH THE INTERPRETATIONS AND DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE. THE PHONE CALL, WILLERS SAID, FOLLOWED AN ARTICLE UNDER HIS BYLINE IN THE FEB. 20 CAPE TIMES, IN WHICH HE SPECULATED THAT PIK BOTHA MAY HAVE BROKEN OFF THE NEW YORK TALKS BECAUSE HE FEARED SWAPO WAS READY TO
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ACCEPT THE WESTERN PROPOSAL. WILLERS SAID THAT THIS HAD EVIDENTLY HIT A VERY SENSITIVE NERVE AT DFA, WHICH LOST NO TIME IN MAKING ITS VIEWPOINT KNOWN. WILLERS SAID HIS SOURCE HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO REVEAL EXACTLY WHAT SIGNALS HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE WESTERN POSITION HAD SOFTENED.
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